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SUBJECT: GATT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING ON REMUNERATION

1. GATT COMMITTEE ON BUDGET, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
WILL HOLD SPECIAL SESSION JULY 5 TO EXAMINE PROBLEM OF EROSION
OF SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES FOR STAFF IN PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY
AND ABOVE AND PARTICULARLY FOR PENSIONERS. GATT SECRETARIAT HAS
PREPARED BACKGROUND PAPER (SPEC (74)17, JUNE 11, COPY POUCHED
JUNE 15 TO IO/OIC-DC. SMITH).

2. MISSION INFORMED SECRETARIAT (TASSIN) THAT INTERNATIONAL CIVIL
SERVICE COMMISSION ADVISORY BOARD GENEVA MEETING OF JULY 1-15
AND JOINT STAFF PENSION BOARD COPENHAGEN MEETING OF JULY 15 WILL
CONSIDER THESE PROBLEMS FOR ALL MEMBERS OF UN COMMON SYSTEM
AND ASKED PURPOSE OF MEETING. TASSIN SAID SECRETARIAT AWARE
OF THOSE MEETINGS BUT DIRECTOR GENERAL LONG FELT PROBLEM WITHIN
GATT, WHILE NOT UNIQUE AMONG GENEVA-BASED ORGANIZATIONS,
WAS CRITICAL ENOUGH TO WARRANT SPECIAL ATTENTION OF CONTRACTING
PARTIES.

3. CHAIRMAN OF GATT BUDGET COMMITTEE (MOHLER) THINKS
MEETING IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO LET GATT EMPLOYEES MAKE
THEIR CASE AND LET OFF STEAM. OTHER KEY DELS AS YET UNINSTRUCTED,
BUT WE ANTICIPATE MEETING WILL BE QUIET LISTENING SESSION FOLLOWED
BY STATEMENTS FROM DELS THAT PROBLEMS FOR ENTIRE COMMON SYSTEM
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